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FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2178

AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

UNCLAS BRASILIA 4793

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD BR

SUBJECT: INCREASED IMPORT DUTIES ON BIFOCAL LENSES

REF: STATE 131932

FOLLOWING MESSAGE PREPARED BY AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO:

1. INCREASED IMPORT DUTY IS PROTECTIONIST MEASURE DESIGNED TO FOSTER BRAZILIAN OPTICAL-GOODS INDUSTRY.

2. CONGEN RIO E/C CHIEF DISCUSSED BRAZILIAN APPROACH WITH CUSTOMS POLICY COUNCIL (CPA) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DR. ANTONIO PASCHOAL ON MAY 27, AND PASCHOAL CANDIDLY ADMITTED CPA'S MANDATE TO CHANGE TARIFFS TO AID INFANT INDUSTRY. HE NOTED AT THAT TIME THAT CPA HAD STANDING AUTHORITY TO INCREASE TARIFF BY AS MUCH AS 30 PERCENTAGE POINTS (I.E., PRECISELY THE AMOUNT OF INCREASE ON BIFOCAL LENSES). WE HAVE NOT RAISED THIS LATEST EXAMPLE WITH PASCHOAL BUT ARE CERTAIN THAT RATIONALE WILL BE IDENTICAL TO THAT EXPRESSED IN MAY 27 CONVERSATION. (FULL REPORT ON MEETING WITH PASCHOAL BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.)

3. CURRENT MATTER IS SIMILAR TO X-RAY FILM TARIFF

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INCREASE REPORTED IN RIO 2306, AND APPEAL PROCEDURE IS SAME. SINCE PASCHOAL STRESSED THAT CPA MAKES CAREFUL EFFORT NOT TO "OVER - PROTECT" INFANT INDUSTRIES, WE BELIEVE ANY APPEAL SHOULD GO INTO TECHNICAL DETAILS OF WORLD PRICES, EXISTING MARKET SHARES AND PRACTICES, AND OTHER DATA AVAILABLE TO US FIRMS POTENTIALLY INJURED BY PROPOSED INCREASE. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED , HOWEVER,

THAT TARIFF ARE ONLY ONE GOB PROTECTIVE MEASURE;
SUCESS IN OPPOSING THIS INCREASE MAY NOT MEAN THAT
CACEX WILL BE VERY LIBERAL WITH IMPORT LICENSES FOR
OPTICAL GOODS.

4. CPA NOTICE BEING FORWARDED UNDER REGULAR CERP PROGRAM.
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